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The Honorable Robert M. Levy
United States Magistrate Judge
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Doron Merom
Criminal Docket No. 06-M-1151

Dear Judge Levy:

In its letter dated December 20, 2006, counsel for Doron Merom ("Merom") stated that the government makes no claim that the Israel arrest warrant is the functional equivalent of an indictment or information. However, the government has been informed by attorneys at Israel's Ministry of Justice that it is the custom of the prosecutor's office to not file an indictment until the fugitive has been returned to Israel.

Respectfully submitted,

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